

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: Philip KELLER	Confirmation No.: 2466
Application No.: 09/413,821	Group Art Unit: 2611
Filed: October 7, 1999	Examiner: Tesfaldet Bocure

For: AUTOMATIC OUTPUT DRIVE LEVEL CONTROL IN HOME  
NETWORKING TRANSCEIVER

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY BRIEF**

Dear Sir:

This Reply Brief is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed October 26, 2009.

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 through 16 are pending in this application. Claims 5 through 16 stand allowed. Claims 1 through 4 stand finally rejected in the Office Action dated March 4, 2009. Claims 1 through 4 are on appeal.

**II. GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED**

Claims 1 through 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness based on Cheng et al. (US 6,377,666).